

After the revision of pay their salary structure is lower than that of other university teachers. All that they are asking for is that their pay be at least on par with other teachers if not more than that because they are technically trained people. The State Government has not acceded to this. In consequence all the medical colleges of Rajasthan have been closed for the last month and a half. This has affected the medical services in the entire State of Rajasthan. In sympathy, I am told that even the nursing staff is going on strike. A number of hospitals in all the major towns of Rajasthan are today at a standstill. This situation has continued for almost two months now. The State Government says: "We won't even talk to them." The Hon. Minister for Health in the Union Government says: "We have not got any money to give to the State Government." In this sort of situation two very great wrongs are being perpetrated. Firstly, medical services in Rajasthan are suffering. Secondly, the essential anomaly or difference between the medical college teachers in Rajasthan and other teachers is not being set right, thereby disrupting not the just medical services of Rajasthan but the future of a large number of doctors in Rajasthan. This cannot be permitted to continue. I enjoin upon the Union Health Minister to take urgent note of the situation and if for no other reason but for the sake of the health of Rajasthan, to intervene immediately. After all, that is also a Congress-I ruled State. Thank you.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I want to associate with him because I am also from Rajasthan. This is really a serious problem. I want the Health Minister to personally look into this matter because this is no answer. If other Professors get requisite salary, medical teachers ought to get a higher salary and to give

them lesser salaries than the university teachers is totally unjustified and discriminatory.

Need for a Separate Telecom Circle for Goa

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I draw the attention of the Government through you to the sorry state of affairs of Telecom system in the new State of Goa.

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya) in the Chair.]

Goa as a Union Territory was looked after by Bombay Telecom Circle which is over 500 Kms from Goa. This distance factor has led to complacency and step-motherly treatment meted out to the Telecom system in Goa which has given rise to carelessness and malpractices are rampant in the Department in Goa.

It is surprising to note that this arrangement still continues even after Goa has become a full-fledged State and Bombay Telecom has been converted into Mahanagar Telephone Nigam.

I would earnestly request the Government to see that Goa gets its own Telecom Circle with its office at Panaji at the earliest because Goa is fast developing industrially and moreover Goa is on the international tourist map. Thank you.

Need to explore New Methods for Launching Satellites at Cheaper Cost

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to your notice a matter of urgent public importance. Sir, India has been launching its satellites with the help of different agencies whether they are in U.S.A. or in France and so on and for each of these launches the cost is about 100 million dollars.